



Docket No.: 50432-593

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Lynne, OKADA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 1080
Application No.: 10/728,774	:	Group Art Unit: 2823
Filed: December 08, 2003	:	Examiner: M. Estrada
For: SEALING SIDEWALL PORES IN LOW-K DIELECTRICS	:	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated November 3, 2004, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring election of either:

Group I. Claims 1 through 16 directed to a method; or

Group II. Claims 17 through 20 directed to a semiconductor device.

In response Applicants elect to prosecute method claims 1 through 16 (Group I).

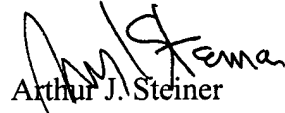
Favorable consideration of method claims 1 through 16 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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Respectfully submitted,

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